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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated January 18, 2006, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-4 (Group I) of the present application, which are drawn to a composition (product). Applicant specifically reserves the right to rejoin Claims 5-6 of Group II, which are drawn to a method (process), pursuant to the rejoinder procedures set forth in MPEP §820.04, upon the allowance of the elected composition (product) claims.

A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed along with a credit card payment form authorizing a charge in the amount of \$60.00 for the small-entity fee. Although it is believed that this fee amount is correct, should it be insufficient or excessive, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 502752.

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